

APPENDIX A CHAPTER 1

This appendix contains copies of the questionnaires from the three surveys of Zoroastrian in Europe, 1976, 1985 and 2003.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 1976 SURVEY

Please tick as appropriate.

PART 1

Personal

1. Residence Do you live in:

(A) London

(B) Home Counties

(C) Elsewhere (please specify)

nearest big town or city)

2. Country of domicile prior to coming to U.K.

(A) India

(B)Iran

(C) What is now Pakistan

(D) Other (please specify)

3. Age

(A) 18-29

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(B) 30-39

(C) 40-49

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(D) 50-59

(E) 60-69

(F) 65 or over

4. Sex

(A) Male

(B) Female

5. Mother tongue

(A) Gujarati

(B) Hindi

(C) Urdu

(D) Persian

(E) English

(F) Other (please specify)

6a. Do you now think in your mother tongue

(A) Yes

(B) No

6b If no, which language do you think in

7. Schooling

Please tick any of the following examinations passed:

Abroad

(A) Matric

(B) Cambridge

(C) Other (please specify)

U.K.

(A) 'O' Level GCE

(i) If yes, please indicate number of subjects

(B) 'A' Level GCE

(i) If yes, please indicate number of subjects

(C) CSE

(i) If yes, please indicate number of subjects

(D) Other (please specify)

8. Higher Education

Indicate by tick any of the following you have attended stating in which country and the number of years study:

(A) Technical College

(B) College of Education

(C) Polytechnic

(D) University

(E) Other (please specify)

9. Occupation

Please say what job you had longest:

(A) Before settling in UK

(B) In UK

(C) Now retired

(D) Housewife

10. Parental occupation

Please say what was the job of:

(A) Your father

(B) Your mother

11. Marital status

Are you:

(A) Married

(B) Single

(C) Widowed

(D) Divorced

(E) Separated

(F) Single parent family

12. Marriage Partner

If you have ever married, was or is your spouse:

(A) Zoroastrian?

(B) Non-Zoroastrian?

13. Relations

Have you any relations in the UK?

(A) Yes

(B) No

If yes, please state relationship and number

(brothers,

sisters,

cousins, etc.)

14. Correspondence

Do you correspond with relatives or friends abroad?

(A) Yes

(B) No

If yes, how often please say how often and the relationship

And country or

countries

PART 2

Religion and Community

15. Do you read any Zoroastrian magazine/newspaper?

(A) Yes

(B) No

If, yes please state

which

16. Were you taught to pray in Avestan?

(A) Yes

(B) No

17. Were you taught the meaning of the prayers?

(A) Yes

(B) No

18. Did you receive instruction in the Zoroastrian faith at school?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Don't know

If yes, please state country

19. Do you pray at home?

(A) At least once a day

(B) Sometimes

(C) Infrequently

(D) Only in a crisis

(E) Never

If your practice has changed since settling in the UK,
which was your-practice, please write what
your custom was

20. If you do pray, do you pray

(A) Only in Avestan?

(B) Part Avestan, part vernacular

(C) Wholly in vernacular

(D) Any other form of spiritual practice

If your practice has changed since settling in the UK,
please write the letter (A - D) of what your custom was

21. Do you wear sudreh/kusti?

(A) Always

(B) Sometimes

(C) Rarely

(D) Never

If your practice has changed since settling in the UK,

please write which was your custom

22. If you have children under 18, do you or will you teach them to pray?

(A) Only in Avestan

(B) Part Avestan, part vernacular

(C) Wholly in vernacular

(D) Any other form of spiritual exercise

(please specify)

(E) Will not teach them Zoroastrian prayers

(F) Don't know

23. If you have children under 18, please indicate with a tick

in respect of each child whether:

(A) Their naujote has been performed

(B) Do you intend it will be performed?

(C) Do you intend it will not be performed?

(D) Undecided in your intentions

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
(A)				
(B)				
(C)				
(D)				

24. If you have children under 18 whose naujote has been performed, do they wear sudreh/kusti?

(A) Always

(B) Sometimes

(C) Rarely

(D) Never

25. If you have children under 18 who do not always wear sudreh/kusti, do you advise them to wear it?

(A) Yes

(B) No

Please give reasons for your answer

26. To which class do you belong?

(A) Athornan (priestly)

(B) Behdin (non-priestly)

(C) Don't know

27. If you are a male member of the priestly class:

(i) Did your father undertake Navar

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Don't know

(ii) Have you undertaken Navar

(A) Yes

(B) No

(iii) Will your son(s) undertake Navar?

Please indicate with a tick.

	Son 1	Son 2	Son 3	Son 4
(A) Yes				
(B) No				
(C) Don't know				

28. Would you be in favour of Behdin children training for and undertaking Navar?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Don't know

If your opinion has changed since settling in the UK, which
Was your previous opinion

29. Do you describe yourself as

(A) Orthodox

- (B) Liberal _____
- (C) Reformist _____
- (D) Non-practising

- (E) Other (please specify) _____
- (F) Consider these terms meaningless _____

If your position has changed since settling in the UK,
which was your previous position?

30. Which religious calendar do you observe?

- (A) Shahenshai _____
- (B) Kadmi _____
- (C) Fasli _____
- (D) None of the above _____

If your observance has changed since settling in the UK,
which was your previous observance?

31. Would you be in favour of the whole community adopting a single calendar?

- (A) Yes _____
- (B) No _____
- (C) Don't know

- (D) Does not matter _____

If yes, please specify which you favour

32. Which of the following do you prefer or insist on?

- (A) Burial _____
- (B) Cremation _____

(C) Prefer your body to be
flown to a tower of silence

(D) Insist on your body being
flown to a Tower of Silence

(E) Don't mind

(F) Don't know

If your views have changed since settling in UK,
which were your previous views

33. Regarding mixed marriages between Zoroastrians and non Zoroastrians, do
you:

(A) Approve

(B) Object to

(C) Accept

(D) Don't know

(E) Any other comment

If your views have changed since settling in the UK,
which were your previous views?

34. Do you agree with the conversion of non-Zoroastrians?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Don't know

If your views have changed since living in the UK,
which were your previous views?

35. If 'yes'. please indicate your views on which would be
acceptable should conversion/converts be:

(A) Limited to marriage partners and children
only and given full communal status

(B) Limited to marriage partners and children
only but given separate communal status

C) Open to all and given full
communal status

(D) Open to all and given
separate communal status

(E) Other (please

specify)

36. In your opinion, should children of mixed marriages (between Zoroastrians and non-Zoroastrians) be brought up as Zoroastrians and undergo Naujote?

(A) Yes if either parent is a Zoroastrian _____

(B) Yes but only if father Zoroastrian _____

(C) Don't know _____

If your views have changed since settling in the UK,

Which were your views _____

37. Should non-Zoroastrians be permitted to enter consecrated Fire Temples (Atash Bahrams, Atash Adarans or Agiaris)

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Yes with provisions (please specify)

(D) Don't know

38. Do you believe in life after death?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Don't know

If 'yes' do you believe in:

	Yes	No	Don't know
(A) Immortality of the soul			
(B) Reincarnation			
(C) Resurrection of the body			
(D) Heaven and hell			

39.

Do

regard Zoroastrian prayers and ceremonies for the dead as

(A) Absolutely necessary

(B) Beneficial

(C) Meaningless

(D) Don't know

40. Are you a vegetarian?

(A) Yes

(B) No

If 'yes' are your reasons:

(A) Religious

(B) Non-religious

41. Do you belong to any other religious, cultural, social or professional association?

(A) Yes

(B) No

If the answer is 'yes' please specify

42. Religious education

Do you want your child to be taught any of the following at school?

(Please tick as appropriate)

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| (A) Christianity | _____ |
| (B) Zoroastrianism | _____ |
| (C) World religions | _____ |
| (D) Marxism | _____ |
| (E) Humanism | _____ |
| (F) None of the above | _____ |

43. Do you withdraw your children from religious education lessons at school?

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| (A) Yes | _____ |
| (B) No | _____ |

If 'yes', please give reasons

44. Do you visit Zoroastrian House in London

- | | |
|--|-------|
| (A) Regularly(once/twice a month) | _____ |
| (B) Sometimes | _____ |
| (C) Very rarely | _____ |
| (D) Social occasions (festivals, weddings) | _____ |
| (E) For religious ceremonies
and prayers only | _____ |

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|-----------|-------|
| (F) Never | _____ |
|-----------|-------|

45. Do you keep in touch with Zoroastrians (other than relatives mentioned in question 13) in the UK?

(A) Regularly(once/twice a month)

(B) Sometimes

(C) Very rarely

(D) Never

46. Do you see any dangers ahead for the Zoroastrian faith?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(C) Don't know

If 'yes' please specify

47. What aspects of Zoroastrianism give you most hope for the future?

(A) Saviour to come

(B) Future of Iran

(C) Youth of the community

(D) No hope

(E) Other (please specify)

48. Any other comments you wish to add on any of the above questions or any point not included in the questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 1985 SURVEY

Please check, or tick (✓), as appropriate alongside each question,

1. Residence

(a) Where do you live now? Please name

nearest town/city and state/county

(b) Where did you live before coming

to this country? Please name

nearest town/city and State/county,

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(c) Which year did you come to this country?

(d) How many times have you moved

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residence in this country?

2. Sex Are you

(a) male?

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(b) female?

3. Age How old are you?

(Please state exact age in years)

4. MARITAL STATUS Are you

(a) Single?

(b) Married?

(c) Separated?

(d) Divorced?

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(el Widowed? -

(l) Other (please specify) -

5. MARRIAGE PARTNER Is your marriage partner

(a) Zoroastrian

(b) Non-Zoroastrian? (lPlease specify his/her religion and race,
e.g, Christian/Anglo-Saxon or Muslim/Indian) -

6. CHILDREN Do you have children living at home?

(a) None -

(b) Male (please state number and their ages, youngest to oldest) -

(c) Female (please state number and their ages, youngest to oldest)-

7. FAMILY Do you have relatives in this country?

(a) No -

(b) Parents -

(c) Brothers or sisters -

(d) Children living away from home -

(e) Aunts and Uncles (maternal or paternal)

(f) Cousins

(g) Nephews/nieces

(h) Brother or sisters-In-law

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(i) Grandparents

8. MOTHER TONGUE Is your mother tongue

(a) Gujarati

(b) English?

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(c) Persian?

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(d) Other? (please specify)

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9. GENERAL READING AND WRITING

Do you read any literature or write (e.g. letters) in a language other than English?

	Read	Write
(a) No		
(b) Yes (Please specify in which language)		

10. TYPE OF EDUCATION

(a) At what age did you finish your formal education

(School, College or University)?

(b) Please check/tick where you received a particular type of education in the boxes provided

Where	India	Pakistan	Africa (please state)	Canada	U.K.	Hong Kong	U.S.A.	Iran	Australia	Singapore	Other (please specify)
(i) Primary school											
(ii) Secondary school											
(iii) College or university											
(iv) Post-graduate											
(v) Professional											
(vi) Other (please specify)											

11. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION?

(a) Liberal/Arts

(b) Scientific

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(c) Both liberal and Scientific

-

(d) Other (please specify)

12. OCCUPATION

(a) What is your occupation?

Please be as specific as possible

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(b) What was your occupation before arrival in this country

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(c) When you first arrived in this country.

(d) Not relevant (e.g. because born in this country)

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13. PARENTS OCCUPATION Please state the occupation of

(a) Father

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(b) Mother

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14. CORRESPONDENCE

Do you correspond with friends or relatives abroad? (Please tick as appropriate)

	Zoroastrian	Non-Zoroastrian
(a) Regularly		
(b) Sometimes		
(c) Rarely		
(d) Never		

15. DO YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ZOROASTRIAN AND NON-ZOROASTRIAN FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY YOU LIVE IN?

	Zoroastrian	Non-Zoroastrian
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(a) Regularly		
(b) Sometimes		
(c) Rarely		
(d) Never		

16. DO YOU READ ANY ZOROASTRIAN MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS?

(a) No -

(b) Yes (please specify which) -

17. DO YOU READ ANY NON-ZOROASTRIAN RELIGIOUS LITERATURE?

(a) No

(b) Yes (please specify which) -

18. WERE YOU ORIGINALLY TAUGHT TO RECITE YOUR PRAYERS IN AVESTAN?

(a) No -

(b) Yes (please state which country you lived in at the time) -

19. WERE YOU TAUGHT THE MEANING OF THE PRAYERS?

(a) No -

(b) Yes (please state which country you lived in at the time) -

20. DID YOU RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN THE ZOROASTRIAN RELIGION AT SCHOOL?

(a) No	-

(b) Yes (please state which country you lived in at the time)	-

21. DID YOU ATTEND A ZOROASTRIAN DAY OR BOARDING SCHOOL?	
(a) No	-

(b) Yes (please state which country you lived in at the time)	-

22. DID YOU, AS A CHILD, ATTEND ANY RELIGIOUS CLASSES IN ZOROASTRIANISM?	
(a) No	

(b) Yes (please state which country you lived in at the time)	

23. DO YOU PRAY AT HOME?	
(a) Five times a day	-

(b) At least once a day	

(c) Sometimes	-

(d) Infrequently	

(e) Only in a crisis	-

(f) Never	-

24. IF YOU STILL PRAY, WHICH FORM OF PRAYER DO YOU ADOPT?

(a) Wholly in Avestan language?

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(b) Some prayers in Avestan, some in the vernacular
(e.g. Gujarati or English)

(c) All prayers in the vernacular

25. DO YOU FOLLOW ANY NON-ZOROASTRIAN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES?

(a) Traditions associated with Sai Baba

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(b) Traditions associated with Jalaram Bapa

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(c) Traditions associated with St. Francis Xavier

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(d) Traditions associated with Theosophy

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(e) Yoga

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(f) Others (please specify)

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26. DO YOU WEAR SUDRE/KUSTI?

(a) Always

(b) Sometimes

-

(c) Rarely -

(d) Only on communal occasions -

(e) Never -

27. ZOROASTRIAN TRADITIONS AND CULTURE Do you

(a) Observe Pateti or Noruz (New Year) celebrations?

(b) Observe gahambars (seasonal festivals)?

(c) Keep a small fire (oil lamp) burning at home? -

28. DO YOU

Eat Indian/Iranian food and/or wear Indian/Irani dress?

	Food	Dress
(a) Often		
(b) Sometimes		
(c) Rarely		
(d) Only on communal occasions		
(d) Never		

29, IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS. DID YOU. DO YOU OR WILL YOU TEACH THEM TO PRAY?

	Have already taught them	Am teaching them now	Intend to teach them
(a) Only in Avestan			
(b) Part Avestan, part vernacular			

(c) Wholly vernacular			
(d) Any other form of spiritual practice (please specify)			

(e) Definitely will NOT teach them to pray

(f) Undecided

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(g) No children

(h) Not thought about it

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30. NAUJOTE. If you have children under 16 years old

(a) Has their naujote been performed?

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(b) Do you intend to have their naujote performed?

(c) Do you definitely intend NOT to have their naujote performed?

(d) Undecided

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(e) No children under 16

31. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD WHOSE NAUJOTE HAS BEEN PERFORMED. DO THEY WEAR SUDRE/KUSTI?

(a) Always

(b) Sometimes

(c) Rarely

(d) Only on communal occasions

(e) Never

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(f) No children under 16

32. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS WHO DO NOT WEAR SUDRE/KUSTI.
DO YOU ADVISE THEM TO WEAR IT?

(a) Yes

-

(b) No

(c) Leave the decision to them

(d) No children under 16

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33. TO WHICH CLASS DO YOU BELONG?

(a) Athornan (priestly)

(b) Behdin (non priestly)

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(c) Don't know

34. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTLY CLASS

	Yes	No	Don't know
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(a) Did you father undertake Navar?			
(b) Did you undertake Navar?			
(c) Will your sons undertake Navar?			

35. ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF BEHDIN CHILDREN UNDERTAKING NAVAR-MARATAB IN ORDER TO PERFORM PRIESTLY DUTIES?

(a) Yes -

(b) No

(c) Don't know -

36. CONCERNING ZOROASTRIANISM, DO YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS

(a) Orthodox?

(b) Liberal? -

(c) Reformist? -

(d) Theosophist? -

(e) Follower of Ilm-i-Kshnoom?

(f) Consider these terms meaningless?

(g) Non-practising? -

(h) Other (please specify) -

37. WHICH ZOROASTRIAN CALENDAR DO YOU OBSERVE?

(a) Shahenshai

(b) Kadmi

(c) Fasli

(d) Don't know

(e) None

38. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL PRACTICES WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

(a) Insist on your body being flown to a Tower of Silence

(b) Prefer your body to be flown to a Tower of Silence

(c) Cremation

(d) Burial

(e) Burial of ashes after cremation

(f) Do not mind

(g) Don't know

39. REGARDING MARRIAGES BETWEEN ZOROASTRIANS AND NON-ZOROASTRIANS, DO YOU

(a) Approve?

(b) Accept?

(c) Accept under protest?

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(d) Object to?

(e) Don't know

40. MIXED MARRIAGES

If marriages between Zoroastrians and non-Zoroastrians occur, should they be performed by Zoroastrian priests according to Zoroastrian rites?

(a) Yes

(b) No

(c) Don't know

41. CHILDREN OF MIXED MARRIAGES

In your opinion, should children of marriages between Zoroastrians and non-Zoroastrians be brought up as Zoroastrians and undergo Naujote?

(a) Yes, but only if FA THER is a Zoroastrian

(b) Yes if EITHER parent is a Zoroastrian

(c) No

(d) Don't know

42. CONVERSION

(a) Should a non-Zoroastrian spouse, if they so desire, be allowed to become a Zoroastrian by undergoing Naujote?

(a) Yes

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(b) No

(c) Don't know

(b) Should any non-Zoroastrian who demonstrates a sincere interest in the religion be allowed to become a Zoroastrian by undergoing the Naujote?

(a) Yes

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(b) No

(c) Don't know

(c) Should the community actively seek converts from any race?

(a) Yes

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(b) No

(c) Don't know

(d) Any other option you prefer (please specify)

43. SHOULD NON-ZOROASTRIANS BE PERMITTED TO ENTER FIRE TEMPLES?

	In India	In Iran	Prayer rooms in this country
(a) Yes at any time			
(b) Yes providing no religious ceremonies are taking place			
(c) Yes but only if they are serious students of Zoroastrianism			
(d) For social functions (e.g. weddings, funerals)			
(e) No, never			
(f) Don't know			

44. LIFE AFTER DEATH? DO YOU BELIEVE IN

	Yes	No	Don't know
(a) Immortality of the soul?			
(b) Reincarnation?			
(c) Resurrection of the body?			
(d) Heaven and Hell?			
(e) Heaven only?			
(f) Other (please specify)			

45. DO YOU REGARD ZOROASTRIAN PRAYERS AND CEREMONIES FOR THE DEAD AS

(a) Absolutely necessary? -

(b) Beneficial for the dead? -

(c) Beneficial for the living? -

(d) Meaningless?

(e) Don't know?

46. DO YOU BELONG TO ANY ORGANISATION?

	Religious	Cultural	Social	Political
Zoroastrian				
Non-Zoroastrian				

47. (A). IF THERE IS A ZOROASTRIAN CENTRE WHICH YOU CAN ATTEND, DO YOU DO SO

	Regularly	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
(a) On religious occasions?				
(b) For social occasions?				
(c) For meetings concerning community matters?				
(d) There is no centre in reasonable travelling distance				

47. (B). IF THERE IS NO ZOROASTRIAN CENTRE YOU CAN ATTEND

What are your views on establishing one?

(i) Very desirable and would give generous financial support

(ii) Desirable and would contribute

(iii) Consider one would be impractical

(iv) Have no views on the subject

(vi) Any other views (please specify)

48. DO YOU SEE ANY DANGER AHEAD FOR THE ZOROASTRIAN FAITH?

(a) No

(b) Declining numbers

(c) Youth not following the religion

(d) Conversion to other religions

(e) Persecution by intolerant religions or governments

(f) Don't know

(g) Other (please specify)

49. WHAT ASPECTS OF ZOROASTRIANISM GIVE YOU MOST
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

	Yes	No	Don't know
(a) A Saviour to come			
(b) The youth of the community			
(c) A world wide movement to unite			
(e) Its strong ethical values			
(d) Its past record of survival			
(f) Any other (please specify)			

50. (A) WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY FOR

ZOROASTRIANS IN THIS COUNTRY? (Check or tick as many or as few as you wish)

(a) A full time priesthood

(b) Priests trained in India or Iran

(c) Performance of Inner ceremonies, (i.e. those performed in a temple e.g. Yasna, Vendidad)

(d) All ceremonies for the dead

(e) More social functions

(f) More religious rites

(g) Courses on Zoroastrianism

(h) Translations of papers and books

(i) Introductory books on Zoroastrianism

(j) Major changes to ceremonies

(k) Strict preservation of rituals

(l) Provision of a Zoroastrian cemetery

(m) Stronger links between Zoroastrian groups

(n) Any other (please specify)

(B). Please indicate which of the above you consider most important.
First

Second

Third

51. RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

When religious disputes arise (e.g. over conversion) which ONE of the following, in your opinion, should determine policy?

(a) Priests in India

(b) Bombay Parsi Panchayet

(c) Priests in Iran

(d) Irani Anjoman

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(e) Local Zoroastrian leaders

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(f) Special meetings (e.g. Zoroastrian conferences)

(g) The individual's own conscience

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(h) Other (please specify)

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52. CHANGING BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

Do you consider that your religious beliefs and practices have changed since you came to this country?

	Beliefs	Practices
(a) Considerably		
(b) Quite a lot		
(c) Very little		
(d) Not at all		
(e) Irrelevant (e.g. because born here)		
(f) Don't know		

53. FUNDAMENTALLY, HOW DO YOU WISH TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

(a) As a citizen of the country you were born in

(e.g. Parsi, Irani, Indian)

(b) As a citizen of the country in which you now reside

(e.g. USA, Canada, Britain, etc.)

(c) Simply in religious terms as a Zoroastrian

(d) As a Zoroastrian citizen of the country you were born in

(e) As a Zoroastrian citizen of the country you now reside in

(f) Other (please specify)

54. MOTHER COUNTRY

Which of the following do you consider to be your mother country?

(a) India

(b) Pakistan

(c) Africa (specify which country)

(d) Britain

(e) Hong Kong

(f) America

(g) Canada

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(h) Australia

(i) Other (please specify)

55. CULTURE

Which aspects of the Indo-Pakistan, or Irani, culture do you consider worth preserving in this country?

(a) Food

(b) Music

(c) Dress

(d) Religion

(e) Arts

(f) Language

(g) Others (please specify)

56, DO YOU FEEL THE NEED TO EXPLAIN YOUR CULTURE TO NON-ZOROASTRIANS
IN THIS COUNTRY?

(a) Never

(b) Sometimes

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(c) Quite often

-

(d) Always

57. RELATIONS BETWEEN ZOROASTRIANS

How would you describe relations as they are in practice (not necessarily what you consider they should be) in your community?

Between Irani Zoroastrians & Parsis	Between Parsis	Between new and older immigrants

58. DO YOU CONSIDER ZOROASTRIANS ALREADY SETTLED IN THIS COUNTRY HELPED YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVED HERE?

	Financially	With accommodation	With employment	Personally (please specify)
(a) Considerably				
(b) Reasonably				
(c) Very little				
(d) Not at all				
(e) Irrelevant				

59. RELATIONS BETWEEN ZOROASTRIANS AND NON-ZOROASTRIANS

How would you describe typical relations between your community and other races in this country?

- (a) Excellent -
- _____
- (b) Good -
- _____
- (c) Reasonable -
- _____
- (d) Very mixed -
- _____
- (e) Poor
- _____
- (f) Bad -
- _____
- (g) Don't know -
- _____
- (h) Please specify any particular problems you see in this regard
- _____

60. WHAT IS YOUR MEMORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ZOROASTRIANS AND NON-ZOROASTRIANS IN THE COUNTRY OF YOUR BIRTH?

	English	Muslims	Hindus	Blacks (e.g. in Africa)	Chinese	Other Asians e.g. in Africa)	Others (e.g. Bah'ai) please specify
(a) Excellent							
(b) Good							
(c) Reasonable							
(d) Very mixed							
(e) Poor							

(f) Bad							
(g) Don't know							
(h) If relations were different at work from social mixing please indicate how they differed (using above categories) with which community.							

61. DO YOU CONSIDER YOU HAVE EVER FACED PREJUDICE (DISCRIMINATION) AGAINST YOU ON GROUNDS OF YOUR ETHNIC ORIGIN?

(a) No

-

(b) Yes

If 'Yes' please indicate: (i) in what ways?

	Occupation	Housing	Education	Police attitudes
(a) Frequently				
(b) Sometimes				
(c) Rarely				

(ii) on what grounds?

	Language	Politics	Colour	Other (please specify)
(a) Frequently				
(b) Sometimes				
(c) Rarely				

ZOROASTRIANS IN EUROPE 2003 SURVEY

This questionnaire is to be answered anonymously. Please complete one questionnaire per person.

Please write or tick as appropriate for each question.

A DEMOGRAPHIC

1 Where do you live now?

Please name town/city

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2 Where were you born?

UK

Other ...

3 If you were born in the UK, where were
your parents born?

UK

Other

...

4 If you were born outside the UK

5 Where did you live before coming to the UK?

Town

..... Country.....

6 Which was the decade of your arrival in UK?

Pre-1960s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s
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7 Gender.

Male

Female

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8 Age.

under	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	over
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20						70
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9 What is your marital status?

Single.....

Married.....

Separated.....

Divorced.....

Widowed.....

10 If single, and considering marriage,

are you thinking of going to the old

country e.g. Iran, India, for a marriage partner?

Yes

..... No.....

11 Is/ was your marriage partner Zoroastrian? Yes No

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12 If "No" please specify religion and ethnic

group.....

13 Are you a person of non Zoroastrian ancestry

married to a Zoroastrian?

Yes.....

No.....

15 Are you the child of intermarried parents?

Yes.....

No.....

16 Please indicate in the following table any relatives you have in the UK

	Yes	No
Parents		
Children		
Other relatives		

17 If you have children, please state how many?

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18 Are they under 18 years old?

Yes

No.....

19 Please tick, or write country, where you received your education

Where	Africa (country)	Canada	Iran	India	Pakistan	UK	USA	Other (country)
Primary school								
Secondary school								
Further education college								
Undergraduate								
Postgraduate								
Other. Please specify								

20 How would you describe your education?

Liberal Arts	Scientific	Both liberal arts and scientific	Other, please specify
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21 What is your occupation? (Please state if
retired, homemaker, carer, unemployed,
voluntary worker etc.)

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22 What is or was the occupation of your father? .

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23 What is or was the occupation of your mother?

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B NETWORKING WITH ZOROASTRIANS

24 When you visit the old country, how do you feel? Please tick or
state in boxes.

	Yes	No	Comment
Impressed by friendliness/ vitality of general population			
Pleasant to meet family/ friends			
Maintain contact with non-Zoroastrians			
Enjoy the life style			
Enjoy the climate			
Uplifting to visit temples			
Enjoy the food			
Shocked by attitudes towards corruption			
Shocked by attitudes towards dirt			
Shocked by attitudes towards poverty			
Other reactions			

25 Do you contact Zoroastrian friends or relatives ABROAD?

	Regularly	Sometime s	Rarely	Never
letter				
e-mail				
phone				
visit				

26 Do you contact Zoroastrian friends or relatives in the UK?

	Regularly	Sometime s	Rarely	Never
letter				
e-mail				
phone				
visit				

27 Do you read any Zoroastrian magazines,

newsletters or newspapers?

Yes

No

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If "Yes", please specify

.....

28 Do you "surf the net" for

Information concerning any aspect of Zoroastrianism		If yes, please specify.	To debate with other Zoroastrians	
Yes	No		Yes	No

29 Do you belong to any of the following? Please tick ALL that you belong to. These are arranged in alphabetical order and not prioritised.

	Yes	No
Association of Inter-married Zoroastrians		
Durham Zoroastrians		
Harrow Zoroastrians		
NW Zoroastrians		
South London Zoroastrians		
WZO		
ZTFE		
Other Zoroastrian Groups, please specify		

30 Do you go to Zoroastrian House?

Regularly	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
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C ASPECTS OF ZOROASTRIANISM

31 As a child, did you attend any religious classes? Yes

..... No.....

If "Yes", please specify country

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32 Do you pray at home?

Daily	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
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33 Do you believe in the power of certain prayers?

Yes..... No.....

If Yes, please specify prayers

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34 Do you follow any of these religious practices?

Traditions associated with Sai Baba		Traditions associated with Kookadaru		Traditions associated with Aibara		Traditions associated with Behramshah Shroff		Traditions associated with Pundol		Other, please specify
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

35 In your opinion, should Zoroastrian women in the UK avoid the following during menstruation?

	Yes	No
Prayer		
Prayer room		
Contact with priest		
Attending Farvardigan/Muktad ceremonies		
Attending Jashans		
Other, please specify		

36 In your opinion should Zoroastrian Women in the UK

observe purity rites before and after childbirth?

Yes

..... No

37 In your opinion, are there other purity laws that

should be observed by Zoroastrians, either men or

/and women, in the UK? Please specify

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38 Do you wear Sedreh/ Sudre-Pushi/ Kusti?

	Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Only on communal occasions	Never
Sedreh/ Sudre					
Pushi/ Kusti					

39 Which Zoroastrian customs do you observe?

	Yes	No
Pateti or No Ruz celebrations		
Gahambars		
Keep a small fire or oil lamp burning at home		
Keep an image/ picture of the Prophet in your home		
Have a Jashan performed when you move house		
Eat meat on Bahman Roj		
Any other Zoroastrian customs that you observe. Please specify		

40 If you have children under 18

	Yes	No
Do you teach them to pray?		
Do they attend religious classes?		
Has or will their Sedreh-Pushi/ Naujote be performed?		

41 Concerning Zoroastrianism, do you describe yourself as

Orthodox	Liberal	Reformist	Consider these terms meaningless	Non practising	Other, please specify

42 Which one of the following funeral practices would you favour in the UK?

Wish body to be flown to a Tower of Silence	Cremation	Burial	Do not mind
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43 Regarding intermarriage, do you

Approve	Do not mind	Object	Other, please specify
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44 Can children of marriages between Zoroastrians and non-Zoroastrians be allowed to undergo Naujote?

	Yes	No
If, only FATHER is a Zoroastrian		
If, only MOTHER is a Zoroastrian		
If either PARENT is a Zoroastrian		

45 Should a non-Zoroastrian spouse be allowed to undergo Sedreh-Pushi/ Naujote, if they so desire? Yes..
..... No.....

46 Should priests bless inter-marriages? Yes.....
No.....

47 Should the community accept inter-marrieds' children? Yes.....
No.....

48 Should non-Zoroastrian spouses and children become full members of Zoroastrian Association? Yes...
No.....

49 Should any non-Zoroastrian who demonstrates a sincere interest in the religion be allowed to undergo Sedreh-Pushi/ Naujote, if they so desire? Yes.....

No.....

50 Can any of the following be performed by a layman?

Initiation Ceremonies		Blessing at Weddings		Funeral Rites	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

51 Should non-Zoroastrians be permitted to enter Zoroastrian

Traditional Places of Worship?

	Prayer rooms in this country	If an Atash Dadgah is consecrated in London
Yes, at any time		
Yes, if they are married to Zoroastrians		
Yes, if they are children of inter-marrieds		
Yes, providing no religious ceremonies are taking place		
Yes, but only if for educational and Institutional purposes e.g. students, inter-faith groups		
No, never		

52 Should non-Zoroastrians be permitted to attend the following?

	Yes	No
Funeral services at Brookwood		
Farvardigan/ Muktaf		

ceremonies		
Jashans		
Gahambars		

53 Do you believe in?

Immortality of the soul		Reincarnation		Resurrection of the body		Heaven and Hell		Other, please specify
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

54 Do you regard Zoroastrian prayers and ceremonies for the dead as

Absolutely necessary		Beneficial for the dead		Beneficial for the living		Meaningless	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

55 Do your Zoroastrian beliefs and practices make you feel any of the following? Please tick ALL that apply.

Happy		At Peace Inspired		Special		Experience of God		Community Spirit	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Other feelings, please specify									

56 Do you see any danger ahead for the Zoroastrian

Community in the UK?

Yes.....

No.....

If "Yes", indicate problems seen

Absorption Declining numbers		Youth not followin g the religion		Convers ion to other religions		Internal divisions		Non accepta nce of Zoroas- trian spouses		Acceptan ce of children of inter- marrieds	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Non acceptan ce of children of inter- marrieds		No conversi on allowed to Zoroastri anism		Acceptan ce of non Zoroastri an spouses		Increase d member ship of WZO		Too much dispersal of Zoroast- rians world- wide		Others, please specify	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		

57 Which of the following do you consider important for Zoroastrians in this country?

A full time priesthood	Yes	No
More social/ cultural functions		
More religious rites		
More courses on Zoroastrianism		
Introductory books on Zoroastrianism		
Major changes in ceremonies		
International Networking		
Iranian functions		
Activities for children		
Nataks		
More places of worship		
Other, please specify		

58 When religious disputes arise, who, in your opinion, should determine policy?

Authoriti es in India, BPP	Authoriti es in India, Dasturs	Authoriti es in Iran	Mobeds in UK	Committ ee of ZTFE	Committ ee of WZO

Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Other, please specify											

59 If you were born outside the UK do you consider that your religious beliefs and practices have changed since you came to this country?

	Substantially	A little	Not at all
Religious beliefs			
Religious practices			

60 Do you think the Zoroastrian community in the UK changed since the last survey in 1985? Yes.....
No.....

If Yes, in what way has the Zoroastrian community changed?
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61 Do you feel that there is a difference between Zoroastrian values and wider society in the UK?

Religious		Cultural		Social		Moral	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

If Yes, do you feel that the difference in any way causes you to feel
RELIGIOUS

Positive about the difference		Do not mind the difference		I have not thought about the difference		Negative about the difference	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

CULTURAL

Positive about the difference		Do not mind the difference		I have not thought about the difference		Negative about the difference	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

SOCIAL

Positive about the difference		Do not mind the difference		I have not thought about the difference		Negative about the difference	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

MORAL

Positive about the difference		Do not mind the difference		I have not thought about the difference		Negative about the difference	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

D CULTURAL IDENTITY

62 In addition to English which other languages do you

Converse in	
Read in	
Write in	

63 There are many facets to SELF IDENTITY, only 3 are mentioned below. Are any applicable to you? Please tick ALL boxes relevant to you.

Where do you feel you belong?

UK	Country of birth if not UK, please specify	Another country, please specify
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Do you identify yourself as?

Iranian	Parsi	Zoroastrian	Other, please specify
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Do you consider any of the following to be your homeland/
homelands?

UK	East Africa, please state country	India	Iran	Pakistan
None	Other, please specify			

64 In the FEZANA Journal, Spring 1999, the Editor wrote,

‘I really think of myself as a Parsi-Indian-Iranian-North
American-Zarathustri’

Do you think of yourself with multiple Self Identities?

Yes..... No.....

If Yes, please list them.....

65 Do you do any of the following?

Watch Zoroastrian videos		Read Zoroastrian books or Zoroastrian Novelists		Read/Tell stories from the Shah Nameh to children	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
If yes, which ones		If yes, which ones		Read other Zoroastrian stories to children	
				Yes	No

66 Which aspects of Iranian culture do you consider worth
preserving in the UK?

Food		Music		Dress		Religion		Art		Language	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Knowledge of history		Literature		Moral values		Social values		Lifestyle		Other, please specify	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		

66 Which aspects of Indo-Pakistani culture do you consider worth preserving in the UK?

Food		Music		Dress		Religion		Art		Language	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Knowledge of history		Literature		Moral values		Social values		Lifestyle		Other, please specify	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		

E GROUP RELATIONS

67 Do you go to social functions with NON-ZOROASTRIANS?

	Yes	No
East Africans		
Indians		
Iranians		
Pakistanis		
Other, please specify		

68 Do you attend functions with non-Zoroastrians from the country of your birth?

No Ruz		Christmas		Easter		Diwali		Other, please specify
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	

69 How would you describe relations between ZOROASTRIANS in your community?

	Good	Reasonable	Mixed	Poor
Between Iranian Zoroastrians and Parsis				
Between Parsis				
Between different generations				

70 How would you describe typical relations between your community and other RACIAL/ETHNIC groups in the UK?

	Good	Reasonable	Mixed	Poor
White				
Black				
Asian				
Other, please specify				

71 Do you support inter- faith activity?

Strongly	Do not mind	Object	Other, please specify

72 Should Zoroastrians engage in National Political activity?

More	About right	Less	Other, please specify

73 How would you describe typical relations between your community and other religious groups in the UK?

	Good	Reasonable	Mixed	Poor
Christian				
Jewish				
Hindu				
Muslim				
Sikhs				
Other, please specify				

74 Do you consider that you have ever faced prejudice or discrimination against you on the grounds of your religion or race?

	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Occupation				
Banking				
Insurance				
Health				
Housing				
Transport				
Shops				
Police				
Language				
Politics				
Neighbours				
Your British social group				
Newspapers				
TV				
Other. Please specify				

75 If you have experienced prejudice or discrimination on the grounds of your religion or race during your EDUCATION indicate where and from whom:

Where	Teachers / Lecturers	Students	Curriculum	Other, please specify
Primary school				
Secondary school				
Further education college				
Undergraduate				
Postgraduate				
Professional				

76 Have you suffered from any racial abuse in the UK?

	Frequently	Quite often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Verbal abuse					
Physical violence					
Other, please specify					

77 Do you consider that your children have encountered more or less prejudice and discrimination than you have encountered?

	More	The same	Less	None
At school				
At work				

78 Did you take part in the 1976 survey of

Zoroastrians in the UK?

Yes.....

No.....

79 Did you take part in the 1985/ 1986 World

Survey of Zoroastrians?

Yes.....

No

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THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please add any comments you wish to make